Guideline. This intersection will provide direct access to the downtown area and Village Center. Sixth Avenue and O'Neill shall be upgraded to Major Collector status to encourage the use of these streets rather than using Ralston for traffic to and from Ralston west of the downtown. Caltrans has noted that if a traffic signal is warranted at O'Neill and El Camino Real it should be constructed. Preliminary traffic studies with the buildout of the Village Center suggest that a traffic signal is not warranted at this location. Once the Village Center is constructed and occupied, an additional traffic study of this intersection shall be conducted to determine if signalization is then warranted.

6.5.5 El Camino Real Policy. Raised median areas in the center of El Camino Real between Hill Street and Harbor Boulevard shall be constructed.

Guideline. These medians shall include planting areas and accommodate the existing left turn pockets along El Camino Real. In addition to upgrading the medians on El Camino Real, the plan calls for the construction of a protected parking area south of O'Neill on the west side of El Camino Real. To accommodate this improvement the easterly curb lane along El Camino must be narrowed. A 4 foot curb area between El Camino and the parking spaces is recommended.

6.5.6 Removal of Existing Parking Policy. Curb parking shall be eliminated on the east side of Sixth between Ralston and Emmett and on the west side from Waltermire northerly to a point mid-block between Emmett and Ralston Avenue.

Guideline. The removal of existing parking is necessary to facilitate the restriping of Sixth Avenue south of Ralston Avenue to Waltermire.

6.5.7 Signalize the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Emmett Street Policy. The intersection of Sixth Avenue and Emmett Street shall be signalized.

Guideline. This signal is necessary to manage traffic flow and improve peak hour traffic levels of service with the expansion of the Village Center.

6.5.8 Signalize the intersection of Old County Road and Masonic Policy. The intersection of Old County Road and Masonic shall be signalized.

Guideline. This signal is necessary to manage traffic flows and improve the peak hour level of service especially for traffic using Masonic.

6.5.9 Interim Improvement Funding Policy. Funding for the recommended interim improvement shall be provided through a combination of public and private sources, as more fully described in the Implementation Element, Section 7.4.

Guideline. Table 6.4 details the estimated costs for the various interim improvement projects. The costs are order of magnitude. The estimate includes a 15 percent engineering and design component and a 40 percent contingency.